

Lake Township Planning Commission
Wednesday November 12, 2025
4988 W. Kinde Rd, Caseville Michigan 48725
Unapproved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Siver at the Lake Township Hall.

Roll Call: Tim Quinn, Matt Pryor, Robert Siver, Nicole Collins, Keith Hoffman
Six (6) virtual guests and (15) in-person guests.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as it is written by Collins, seconded by Quinn.
All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Collins to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting, seconded by Siver. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments:

Zachary Eskau, Attorney at Law representing client whose property is located 500 feet from 6789 Oak Beach Road (“Driftwood Lavender Farm”) urges the Planning Commission to recommend that the Petition be denied in its entirety.

Chris Weiss is in support of the Lavender Farm and feels it is an asset to the community he would like their petition to be approved.

Joann Kapa 3545 Port Austin Rd indicated that she feels Lake Township should work together with the neighbors and doesn’t understand why we cannot help our neighbors out. She questioned why Lake Township thinks the Lavender Farm is going to create noise.

Marsha Chasney agrees with Joann Kapa and believes Lake Township is doing the Lavender Farm an injustice. She is hopeful the Lake Township will work something out with them.

Public Comment Closed

Siver suggests that the PC table questions for the Driftwood Lavender until Driftwood Lavender presents all the requested documentation and Landplan completes the pending report.

Hoffman indicated that going forward with an open discussion at this point would help. The Planning Commission has numerous questions and the material that was submitted is overly vague, advising to have a back-and-forth discussion so questions can be answered and clarified helping to prevent any further delays. Once everything is answered then the Planning Commission can forward to Lake Township’s consultant Mark Eidelson for review.

Quinn agrees with Hoffman; it’s a clear path to moving this forward.

Siver said the PC will lead the discussion and Attorney Benjamin Aloia stated he will be representing his clients Mark Anderson and Alicia Tatham of the Lavender Farm and will refer to clients if answers need to be clarified.

Aloia asked who he should contact should he have any questions in regards to providing the specific information required for site plan. Siver indicated that he should contact Terry Kelly Lake Township's Building and Zoning Administrator.

With regard to the questions for the Lavender Farm that have been detailed in writing by the Planning Commission and the Lake Township consultant, copies will be provided to Mark Anderson, Alicia Tatham and Mr. Aloia. Once the Planning Commission has the complete answers to those questions, they will be made available.

Aloia will work with Mr. Tank the Land Survey representative to identify and provide accuracy to the site plan.

Siver questioned the parking area expansion without proper approval is being questioned for its validity. The previous Building and Zoning Administrator gave permission to the applicants to proceed with their expanding plan to the parking area. The Building & Zoning Administrator did not have the authorization to give the approval.

Aloia states the approval was given after a walk through by the former Townships Building and Zoning Administrator.

Siver asked for a time line for when this to place with the former Building and Zoning Administrator and the Lavender Farm.

Quinn questioned the proposed mulched walking path, and has that already been put into place.? Lavender Farm stated it has not yet been created only corners marked after purchase of additional property.

Pryor read the questions that Mark Eidelson had for the Lavender Farm and a copy will be provided to the Lavender Farm and their Attorney Mr. Aloia so that definitive answers can be provided.

Siver indicated that the questions that the Planning Commission has complied will be sent to Mark Eidelson Lake Township Consultant for review. Motioned by Collins, seconded by Pryor. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments:

Jony Murphy 4348 Port Austin Rd asked when our next meeting will be.

Hoffman suggested a tentative date Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Pryor to tentatively schedule December 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for the next meeting, seconded by Collins. All in favor, motion carried.

McCallum pointed out that the soil conditions on the property that was acquired by the Lavender Farm is wetland and they probably want to get (EGLE) Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy involved.

Hoffman stated since its wetlands EGLE has to get involved.

Julie Mozden commented on Mark Eidelson's retirement and questions the delay in replacing him.

Chris Weiss feels the two-way communication went well.

Ed Weiss stated this is a cottage vacation community. As such, he wants to have a Lavender Farm, a camp ground, a party store. If there is already an ordinance in place, why would it need to be part of another person's submissions. He also wanted to make a point on the volume and felt the ordinance was ridiculous.

Motion by Siver to adjourn, seconded by Collins. All in favor, motion carried.

Recording Secretary